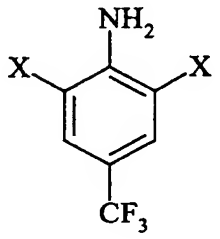
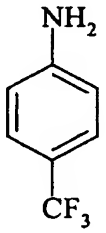
CLAIMS

1. Process for the preparation of a compound of general formula (I):



(I)

in which X represents a halogen atom,
by reaction of para-trifluoromethylaniline of formula (II):



(II)

with a dihalogen X_2,
the two compounds being introduced simultaneously into a polar aprotic solvent in a dihalogen/compound (II) molar ratio ranging from 1.9 to 2.5 and at a temperature ranging from 100 to 300°C.

2. Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that the compound of formula (I) is 2,6-dichloro-para-trifluoromethylaniline.

3. Process according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the solvent used is a chlorinated aliphatic solvent.

4. Process according to Claim 3, characterised in that the solvent used is dichloroethane.

5. Process according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the solvent used is a chlorinated aromatic solvent.

6. Process according to Claim 5, characterised in that the solvent used is monochlorobenzene.

7. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, characterised in that the reactants are introduced in a dihalogen/compound (II) molar ratio ranging from 2 to 2.05.

8. Process according to any one of Claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the temperature of the reaction medium is chosen as ranging from 100 to 130°C.

9. Process according to Claim 8, characterised in that the temperature of the reaction medium is chosen as ranging from 105 to 115°C.

10. Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the reactants are introduced into monochlorobenzene in a dichlorine/compound (II) molar ratio ranging from 1.85 to 2.05, at a temperature ranging from 105 to 115°C.